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## TOWN OFFICERS, 1903.

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### *Moderator :*

BENJAMIN R. WHEELER.

### *Town Clerk :*

JAMES AYER.

### *Selectmen :*

FRANK F. WHEELER,

FRANK D. DAVIS.

JOHN TURNER,

### *Overseer of the Poor :*

FRANK F. WHEELER.

### *Treasurer :*

JAMES EWINS.

### *Collector of Taxes ;*

JOHN J. HUNT.

### *Auditors :*

GEORGE W. PALMER,

WILLIAM E. LANCASTER.

WILLIS L. HALL,

### *Constable :*

GEORGE RANDALL.

### *Special Police :*

WILLIAM F. ROWELL, Town.

PERCY J. CALL, Town.

FRANK E. LUNDBERG, Town.

DAVID W. FELCH, Town.

EDWARD J. NICKERSON, Town.

JACOB W. KELLEY, Town.

WILBERT M. BODGE,

HERBERT W. HARRIS,

Canobie Lake.

Canobie Lake.

### *Highway Agents :*

WILLIS G. RICHARDSON,

JOHN E. KING,

GEORGE A. BRADY.

*Agent for the Suppression of Crime :*

JOHN F. HALL.

*Fire Wardens :*

DAVID S. EMERY,

JOHN F. HALL.

*Trustees of the Public Library :*

BENJAMIN R. WHEELER,

JOHN F. HALL.

LOREN B. McLAUGHLIN.

*Representatives :*

DANIEL A. ABBOTT,

HOWARD L. GORDON.

*Supervisors :*

JAMES H. HADLEY,

JOHN L. HUNT,

JAMES E. SLOAN.

*Sextons :*

CHARLES HERBERT SMITH,

CHARLES E. NICHOL,

*Town History Committee :*

JAMES AYER.

DAVID S. EMERY.

*Board of Health :*

KIMBALL M. McLAUGHLIN,

DAVID S. EMERY,

JAMES AYER.

*Fish and Game Warden (State).*

ALBERT L. LITTLEFIELD.

*Board of Education :*

CLINTON L. SILVER,

GEORGE W. THOM,

HENRY P. TAYLOR.

*Tree Warden :*

JACOB W. KELLEY.

*Superintendent of Schools :*

EDGAR E. HULSE.

## TOWN WARRANT.

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### THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

[L. S.] To the inhabitants of the town of Salem qualified to vote in town affairs :

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town house, in said Salem, on the second Tuesday of March next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects :

1. To choose all necessary town officers and agents for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the year ensuing.
3. To see if the town will vote to raise any more money for the repairs of highways than the law requires.
4. To see what method the town will vote to adopt to facilitate the collection of taxes.
5. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer to hire, with the approval of the selectmen, such sums of money as he may need for general purposes in anticipation of taxes.

7. By request. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$100, or any part thereof, for the use of Gilman E. Sleeper post, No. 60, G. A. R., to be expended in the observance of Memorial day in the year 1904.

8. By request. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of the Salem free public library.

9. By request. To see if the town will vote to sell the Town farm, choose a committee to convey the same, and with the proceeds purchase machinery for the making of macadam roads.

10. By request. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to furnish a highway map of the town, agreeable to chapter 133 of the laws of the state of New Hampshire, passed January session, 1903.

11. By request. To see what action the town will vote to take towards repairing the "Dudley Jones' bridge," so called, above the cemetery, and raise money for the same.

12. By request. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the present highway system and have ten or more district surveyors, said change to take effect 1905.

13. By request. To see if the town will vote to purchase the Salem water works, agreeable to chapter 253, section 6, of the laws of the state of New Hampshire, passed January session, 1901, and raise money for same by issuing bonds or notes.

14. By request. To see if the town will vote to macadam a portion of its highways and raise money for the same.

15. By request. To see if the town will vote not to grant any more concessions to the Hudson, Pelham & Salem Electric Railway company until they grant a five-cent fare from Wilson's



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corner to Brady avenue, and from Wilson's corner to Thom's corner, with a transfer each way from point A, so called.

16. By request. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to contract with the Salem Electric Light company for a term of years not exceeding five, for lighting such streets as the selectmen may think desirable, at a cost not exceeding \$11 per light, for lights of 16-candle power, the whole cost not to exceed \$1,100 per annum.

17. By request. To see if the town will vote to adopt a by-law closing the polls at a specified time at town and state elections.

18. By request. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to construct a lobby or station house for the detention of prisoners.

19. By request. To see what compensation the town will vote to pay the members of the fire department.

20. By request. To see if the town will vote to provide suitable accommodations for the storage and care of their fire apparatus and raise money for the same.

21. By request. To see if the town will accept a small lot of land from the heirs of the late Joseph W. Emerson, situated, beginning at a point near the west bridge on the "old causeway," so called, and running westerly in a curved line to the highway leading to Salem Centre village, and instruct the selectmen to negotiate the transfer of said lot and fix the boundaries as may be agreed on with said heirs.

22. By request. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the expenses of observing old home week.

23. By request. To see if the town will vote to light by electricity a portion of its highways, as follows : Commencing at Pine Grove cemetery and to continue by Wheeler's mills to North Salem village to the corner of the road above the house of John P. Atwood, and to continue from said corner to the corner of road at the house of James H. Wilson, and to continue from said corner to the corner of road near George J. Pattee's shoe shop, and raise money for the same. The sum raised to be expended under the direction of the selectmen.

Given under our hands and seal this 20th day of February, 1904.

FRANK F. WHEELER,	}	Selectmen of Salem.
JOHN TURNER,		
FRANK D. DAVIS,		

A true copy of Warrant, attest :

FRANK F. WHEELER,	}	Selectmen of Salem.
JOHN TURNER,		
FRANK D. DAVIS,		

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*To the Citizens of the Town :*

We tender to you the semi-annual report for the year ending Feb. 15, 1904.

You voted at the annual meeting last year to pass over the article giving a discount of 6 per cent. on taxes collected previous to Sept. 30. By so doing you have made a saving of at least \$600 to the town.

The board last year made a contract with the Salem Water Works Co. for a term of 20 years at \$1200 per annum for municipal purposes and fire protection, or \$33.33 1-3 per hydrant. We have now 34 hydrants. We would heartily recommend the purchasing of the water works under the article in the warrant; also the rebuilding of the Dudley Jones bridge, so-called, with a stone arch or iron bridge. We would also recommend that some thing be done in regard to a lobby for the detention of prisoners.

Mr. Elwell, one of the Board of Underwriters of the state, came from Exeter and tested the water pressure at the hydrants in town. After trying the pressure with and without the hose, both at the Depot and Centre villages, he said that in order to have a reduction in insurance on the line of pipes we must have 1400 feet more hose and four nozzles of 3-4-inch tip, two hose carriages and a fire department for each village, with chief and assistant. This has been done at the Depot, and they have enrolled in this company 20 men and are ready for service. The Centre company has 18 men and only a chief at present. Both companies have 700 feet of Underwriters linen hose and 300 feet of rubber lined cotton hose and two nozzles each of 1-inch and 3-4-inch tip.



We report two fires on buildings, G. W. Thom's and Seth M. Pattee's, as well as forest fires in various parts of the town during last summer and fall.

We have had one suicide on the highway between Points A and B on the electric railway, two drowning accidents at Policy brook, 2d deep, so-called, two at Hittit pond and one found dead of heart failure.

Conference has been had with the officials of the Hudson, Pelham & Salem Electric railway in regard to a 5-cent fare through all points in the town and it has been promised, but not as yet granted. The board gave them the right of way for poles and wires across the town farm, as voted by you at the last March meeting, and received \$60 for the same.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT FOR 1903.

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### INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF SALEM TAKEN

APRIL 1, 1903.

Polls,	\$ 51,100 00
Real estate, resident,	550,776 00
Real estate, non-resident,	55,752 00
Horses, 346,	21,910 00
Mules, 1,	40 00
Oxen, 4,	200 00
Cows, 665,	17,316 00
Other neat stock, 94,	1,851 00
Sheep, 20,	68 00
Hogs, 22,	270 00
Fowls, 2,714,	1,358 00
Carriages, 37,	3,100 00
Stock in public funds,	1,000 00
Surplus capital of banking institutions,	12,500 00
Money on hand, etc.,	4,500 00
Stock in trade,	26,150 00
Mills and machinery,	45,425 00

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\$793,316 00

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**TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE YEAR 1903.**

State tax,	1,117 75
County tax,	2,104 27
Town charges,	2,500 00
Highway by law, 1-4 of 1 per cent.,	1,983 29
Highway by vote,	600 00
Gilman E. Sleeper post, G. A. R.,	75 00
Library by law,	78 90
Library by vote,	100 00
Town history,	500 00
Schools by law \$500 for each \$1 of apportionment,	1,578 00
Schools by vote,	2,500 00
Fence for No. 1 school,	50 00
Electric lights,	1,000 00
Salem Water Works Co.,	1,200 00
Overlay not to exceed 5 per cent. of amount raised,	479 11

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\$ 15,866 32

Tax committed to collector, 1903 rate, \$20 per \$1000.



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 AMOUNT OF ASSETS 1904.

Cash in treasurer's hands,	\$ 2,269 26
Received from County,	496 49
Railroad tax,	201 65
Savings bank tax,	259 35
Literary fund,	184 08
Proportion of school fund,	632 33
High School tuition,	63 50
Note in anticipation of	
taxes,	2,932 50
Rockingham Light &	
Power Co.,	60 00
Dog licenses,	377 24
Sale of cemetery lots,	52 00
Rent of hall,	45 50
Due on land bought for taxes, 1898,	30 00
"            "            1900,	17 95
"            "            1901,	58 68
Due from F. O. Wheeler, taxes, 1901,	240 76
F. C. Buxton, " 1902,	1,520 75
J. J. Hunt, taxes assessed 1903,	15,866 32
Lumber on hand,	30 00
Use of road machine,	3 00
County,	43 50

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 \$25,384 86

**EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS.**

Appropriation by law,	\$1,578 20
Appropriation by vote,	2,500 00
Fencing No. 1,	50 00
Dog licenses, \$377.24 (less damage and expense, \$33.15),	344 09
From state literary fund,	184 08
From proportion of school fund,	632 33
From Town interest on note No. 2 note,	14 68
From Town interest on note No. 10 note,	12 91

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\$5,316 29

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 MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid W. G. Richardson, part salary, town farm,	\$275 00
C. E. Nichol, labor and supplies, Mt. Pleasant,	6 75
William Hall, watering place, 1901-1902,	6 00
Antonio Alberti, watering place, 1902,	3 00
Dr. V. N. Sikorsky, recording births and deaths,	6 75
Rumford Print Co., town reports,	58 35
H. F. Blethen, wood for hall,	6 50
Harry Haigh, janitor town hall,	6 50
Wm. Stanton heirs, watering place, 1902,	3 00
Gilman E. Sleeper Post, No. 60, G.A.R.,	75 00
Library appropriation,	50 00
C. H. Smith, labor, Pine Grove cemetery,	28 00
W. F. Rowell, disinfecting barn at I. E. E. Hulse,	2 00
F. D. Davis, lamps for hall,	9 00
G. C. Gordon & Son, insurance,	45 00
F. D. Davis, stationery,	2 25
E. C. Eastman, invoice book,	10 00
E. C. Eastman, tax collector's book,	2 06
W. G. Richardson, balance of salary, 1902-1903,	50 00
C. E. Nichol, care of lots and cemetery, Mt. Pleasant,	39 00



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C. H. Smith, care of lots and cemetery, Pine Grove,	47 00
C. H. Smith, mowing old cemetery,	5 00
John E. Freeman, damage on fowl by dogs,	6 00
R. C. Merryfield, team at test of water works,	1 50
C. H. Smith, labor on drives and mowing bushes, Pine Grove,	35 00
F. L. Woodbury, care of cemetery, west part of town,	4 00
Harry Haigh, janitor town hall,	4 00
J. W. Kelley, watering place, 1902-1903,	6 00
Public library appropriation,	100 00
Public library appropriation, balance,	28 90
Town history,	500 00
J. Ayer, postage, etc.,	3 40
A. L. Littlefield, damage to hens by dogs,	2 75
Jennie A. Foster, watering place, 1903,	3 00
State tax,	1,117 75
Rockingham County tax,	2,104 27
A. L. Littlefield, interest on note,	11 25
Boston Woven Hose & Rubber Co., nozzles and spanners,	36 00
William and Charles Beck, 1,400 feet hose,	244 56
Town of Methuen, fire department at Salem Depot,	95 00
R. F. Wheeler, watering place, 1902,	3 00
A. L. Littlefield, note in anticipation of taxes,	3,000 00

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G. C. Gordon & Son, insurance,	10 00
Miss L. P. Stott, abstracts of deeds,	13 25
American & Sun, check lists,	10 00
G. C. Gordon & Son, insurance,	10 00
J. H. T. Dunlap, running line,	2 50
J. Ayer, assisting survey of Clinton street,	1 50
Sarah Goodwin, survey of Clinton street,	4 00
James Ayer, fees and recording Clinton street,	1 50
J. J. Hunt, tax bills,	8 00
Harry Haigh, janitor town hall,	3 50
W. G. Richardson, wood for town house,	2 50
Salem town school district,	5,316 29
H. L. Gordon, gravel for hole in sidewalk,	70
F. C. Buxton, land bought for taxes, 1902,	89 66
J. Ewins, watering place, 1903,	3 00
J. Ewins, use of team,	5 00
F. F. Wheeler, stationery, fare, expense to Concord, and blanks,	13 25
John Turner, use of team,	12 00
F. D. Davis, telephone, expense and tramp fare,	13 70
J. Ewins, oil, etc., for hall,	6 65
B. R. Wheeler, correcting proof, 1902,	4 00
John J. Hunt, land bought for taxes, 1903,	35 40

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\$13,609 93

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**REPORT OF JOHN E. KING, ROAD AGENT.**

Paid 15 days, at \$2.00 per day,	\$30 00
Man and 2 horses, 15 days, at \$4.00	
per day,	60 00
N. R. Nowell, 5 1-2 days, at \$1.50	
per day,	8 25
S. F. Coburn, man and 2 horses, 11	
days,	44 00
J. Rolfe, 12 days,	18 00
S. L. Duston, 2 days,	3 00
C. E. Rowell, 1 man and 2 horses,	
six days,	24 00
C. E. Nichols, 8 days,	12 00
E. Merrill, 1 day,	1 50
Man, 24 1-2 days, at \$2.00 per day,	49 00
Man and team, 24 1-2 days,	110 25
S. F. Coburn, 13 1-2 days, man	
and team,	60 75
J. Long, 3 days,	13 50
J. Rolfe, 15 1-2 days,	23 25
C. E. Nichols, 15 1-2 days,	23 25
C. P. Nichols, 18 1-2 days,	27 75
C. Duston, 18 1-2 days,	27 75
W. E. King, 5 days,	7 50
J. E. King, 2 days,	4 00
“ 2 days, man and team,	9 00
S. F. Coburn, 1 day, “	4 50
J. Rolfe, 1 day,	1 50



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C. E. Nichols, 1 day,	1 50
C. P. Nichols, “	1 50
C. Duston, “	1 50
W. H. Rolfe,	50
James Rolfe, 22 3-10 days,	33 45
Chas. Duston, 21 3-10 days,	31 95
J. E. King, 24 6-10 days,	49 20
“ 18 6-10 days, man and team,	74 40
L. L. Chase, 6 days, “ “	24 00
R. C. Woodbury, 1 day,	1 50
A. W. Tibbetts, 1 3-10 day,	2 25
S. M. Pattee, 13 3-10 days,	20 25
G. J. Pattee, 70 loads gravel,	3 50
W. W. Cole, 62 posts,	12 40
“ 572 feet rail,	11 44
M. H. Taylor, 198 loads gravel,	9 45
Geo. Duston, 294 ft bridge plank,	5 11
H. P. Taylor, spikes,	1 50

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\$848 15

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**REPORT W. R. RICHARDSON, Highway Agent.**

Paid W. G. Richardson, 69 days, at \$2.00	
per day,	\$138 00
Mr. Randall, 42 2-3 days, at \$1.50	
per day,	64 00
J. Shaw, 22 1-2 days, at \$1.50 per	
day,	33 75
Phinnie Foster, 7 1-2 days, at \$1.50	
per day,	11 25
Frank Hall, 8 1-2 days, at \$1.50	
per day,	12 75
John J. Richardson, 6 days at \$1.50	
per day,	9 00
One pair horses, 59 days, at \$2.50	
per day,	147 50
Fred C. Wheeler, 26 days, at \$1.50	
per day,	39 00
C. B. Morong, 23 days, at \$1.50	
per day,	34 50
One horse, 6 days, at \$1.25 per day,	7 50
Mr. Williams, 46 1-2 days, at \$1.50	
per day,	69 75
Morten E. Smith, 27 5-6 days, at	
\$1.50 per day,	41 75
Morten E. Smith, 24 loads of gravel, at 5c,	1 20
C. L. Silver,	1232
K. M. McLaughlin, labor,	78 60

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Harry Haigh, 3 3-5 days, at \$1.50	
per day,	5 40
A. W. Batson, 3 days, at \$1.50 per	
day,	4 50
Clarence Richardson, one-half day,	
at \$1.50 per day,	75
K. M. McLaughlin, planks,	15 36
James Brady, 13 days, at \$1.50 per	
day,	19 50
F. D. Wilson, 35 loads gravel at 8c,	2 80
Warren Emerson, 30 loads gravel	
at 8c,	2 40
Newell Tilton, leather chips,	3 00
Frank Robie, 14 loads gravel at 5c,	70
Walter Kelley, 4 days, at \$1.50 per	
day,	6 00
W. H. Bryant, 2 1-2 days, at \$1.50	
per day,	3 75
W. W. Cole, lumber for bridge,	11 66
Frank F. Wheeler, labor,	8 40
Fred O. Wheeler, 23 loads gravel	
and labor,	8 96
Cole & Brown, Frenchman digging	
1 1-3 day,	2 00
L. H. Hunt, leather chips and labor,	30 00
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	\$826 05

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**REPORT OF GEORGE BRADY, Highway Agent.**

Paid team and services,	\$271 70
Warren Bruce, 2 days 5h.	3 75
Fred Wilson, 13 days 8h.	23 70
P. O'Brien, 2 days 9h.	4 35
Repairs on road machine,	9 70
James Cameron, 3 days,	4 50
Calvin V. Jennings, 50 days 6h.	75 83
K. M. McLaughlin, double team, at \$4.00 per day,	190 00
George Pattee, 16 days,	24 00
E. P. Foster, 16 days,	24 00
Allie McKean, 7 days, double team at \$4.00 per day,	28 00
L. Guthier, 4 days 9h.	7 20
Preston Blair, 17 days 9h.	28 35
H. L. Gordon, 119 loads gravel at 10c,	11 90
M. O. Mahoney, drain pipe,	8 80
Wm. Durrell, 5 days,	7 50
Walter Warren, 8 days 5h.	16 95
Fred Brown, 2 days 8h., at \$4.00,	11 20
Joseph Garland, 1 day,	1 50
E. B. Hall, 4 loads gravel,	40
American Acid Co., 100 loads gravel,	10 00
E. Coulliard, 2 days,	3 04
Electric R. R., 97 loads gravel at 10c,	9 70
Turner & Schwarzenberg, drain pipe,	3 20
Clarence Brown, 7 days, double team, at \$4.00,	28 00



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William Kelley, 32 loads gravel,	3 20
Louis Brady, 1 day,	1 50
J. Brady, 43 loads gravel at 10c,	4 30
Charles Covensky, 1 day,	1 50
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	\$817 77

## STATEMENT OF HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

## RECEIVED.

Highway tax by law, 1-4 of 1 per cent.	\$1,983.29	
Highway tax by vote,	600 00	\$2,583 29
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## EXPENDED.

On account of W. G. Richardson,	\$826 05	
John E. King,	848 15	
George A. Brady,	817 77	
	<hr/>	\$2,491 97
B. R. Wheeler, supt. work from Salem		
Depot to Causeway,	\$75 00	
B. R. Wheeler, tools,	10 10	
L. Deseault, repairing culvert,	1 80	
S. M. Kelley, labor,	3 00	
Herbert Haigh, storing road machinery,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$91 90
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		\$2,583 87
Covering stone on hand,		\$60 00

**ELECTRIC LIGHTS.**

Town appropriation,		\$1,000 00
Paid E. R. Woodbury, manager,		
Feb. 1, 1903, to Feb. 1, 1904,	\$83 00	
	83 00	
	83 00	
	83 00	
	76 00	
	83 00	
	83 00	
	72 25	
	81 62	
	83 00	
	81 93	
	81 93	
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		\$974 73
Unexpended 1903 account,		\$25 27

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**SALEM WATER WORKS.****32 HYDRANTS.**

Amount appropriated,	\$1,200 00
Paid Oct. 1, 1902, to Jan. 1, 1903,	\$266 67
Jan. 1, 1903, to March 3, 1903,	266 67
April 1, 1903, to July 1, 1903,	266 67
July 1, 1903, to Oct. 1, 1903,	166 67
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	\$1066 68
Balance on account of Water Works,	133 32
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	\$1,200 00

**SNOW PATHS.**

Paid S. M. Kelley,	\$1 50
E. J. Brown,	90
H. P. Taylor,	14 75
E. J. Brown,	15 00
C. V. Jennings,	2 03
C. W. Joyce,	11 40
J. E. King,	37 84
W. G. Richardson,	114 65
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	\$198 07

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**COUNTY POOR.**

## PAID ON ACCOUNT THEODORE GIBBS.

Paid Dr. H. F. Soule,	\$45 00
J. Ewins, groceries,	6 35
C. H. Gorden, burial,	18 00
J. C. Crowell, wood,	25 00
C. E. Merrill, provisions,	7 00
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	\$101 35

## PAID ON ACCOUNT SARAH E. SMITH.

Paid H. P. Taylor, groceries,	\$14 00
H. P. Taylor, groceries,	62 00
H. P. Taylor, groceries,	28 00
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	\$104 00
On account Rose Guile, Hattie A. Dunlap,	
board,	78 00
On account Sarah E. Kimball,	156 00
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	\$439 35



## TOWN POOR.

H. P. Taylor, goods I. S. Campbell,	\$ 15 00	
“ “ “	36 00	
“ “ “	28 00	
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		\$79 00
J. B. Moore, shoes for Dumont children,	1 88	
Helen Butterfield, board for Dumont children,	10 50	
Dr. L. F. Soule, attendance E. Davis,	8 00	
Charles Smith, burial Eugene Lucier,	15 00	
F. P. Woodbury & Co., coal for Mrs. H. Kimball,	7 76	
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		\$ 122 14
Account County Poor,		439 35
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Total paid out for aid,		\$561 49
Received from county for 1902,	\$ 16 00	
Received from county for 1903,	480 49	
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		\$496 49

**PROSECUTING OFFICER'S REPORT.**

In submitting this, our eighth annual report, it will be observed that it is the first report rendered that has not noted cases of conviction for violation of the law.

While the usual number of complaints were received before the present law became operative, no evidence was obtained sufficient to justify an arrest and trial.

Since the new law has been in force we are pleased to note a decided improvement, if the reduction of complaints made may be taken into the account.

To services as prosecuting office for year

ending Feb. 15, 1904, \$35 00

By cash from Town Treasurer, \$35 00

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\$35 00	\$35 00
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JOHN F. HALL,

*Prosecuting Officer.*

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Frank F. Wheeler, selectman,	\$112 00
John Turner, "	94 83
Frank D. Davis, "	98 00
James Ewins, Treasurer,	40 00
John J. Hunt, Collector,	175 00
James Ayer, Town Clerk,	87 50
James H. Hadley, Supervisor,	27 00
John J. Hunt, "	16 00
James E. Sloan, "	16 00
Benjamin R. Wheeler, Moderator,	10 00
John F. Hall, Prosecuting Agent,	35 00
John F. Hall, Tree Warden, 1902,	8 50
George Randall, Constable,	6 00
William F. Rowell, Special Police,	10 00
Jacob W. Kelley, Special Police,	1 00
Jacob W. Kelley, Tree Warden,	18 19
Jacob W. Kelley, collecting dog licenses,	22 40
James Ayer, services and expenses,	
Board of Health,	47 39
K. M. McLaughlin, Board of Health,	5 00
Daniel A. Abbott, Auditor,	2 00
George W. Palmer, Ballot Clerk,	2 00

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\$ 833 81

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**TUITION.**

Paid N. H. Conference Seminary and	
Female College,	\$192 34
City of Rochester, N. H.,	10 00
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	\$202 34

**RECAPITULATION.**

Paid for schools,	\$5,316 29
Highways and bridges,	2,583 87
Snow paths,	198 07
County poor,	439 35
Town poor,	122 14
State tax,	1,117 75
County tax,	2,104 27
Electric lights,	974 73
Water works,	1,066 68
Notes and interest,	3,038 84
Abatements and discounts,	390 52
Town officers,	833 81
Tuition,	202 34
Miscellaneous,	2,031 93
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	\$20,420 59

FRANK F. WHEELER,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
JOHN TURNER,	
FRANK D. DAVIS,	

*of*  
*Salem.*

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We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them properly vouched for.

WILLIAM E. LANCASTER,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
GEORGE W. PALMER,	



## COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

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Amount taxes committed to J. J. Hunt,		
1903,		\$15,866 32
Received from J. J. Hunt, cash,	\$13,408 62	
Abatement,	167 12	
	<hr/>	\$13,575 74
Amount of uncollected taxes, 1903,		<hr/> \$2,290 58

Due from F. C. Buxton, taxes, 1902,		\$1,520 75
Received from F. C. Buxton, 1902,	\$1,344 01	
Abatements, 1902,	151 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,495 01
Amount of uncollected taxes, 1902,		<hr/> \$25 74

Due from F. O. Wheeler, taxes, 1901,	\$240 76	
Received from F. O. Wheeler, taxes, 1901,	7 03	
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Amount of uncollected taxes, 1901,		\$233 73
Due on land bought for taxes, 1898,		30 00
1900,		17 95
1901,	58 68	
Received from land bought for taxes, 1901,	38 84	
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Due on land bought for taxes, 1901,		\$19 84

## STATEMENT.

## DUE THE TOWN.

Due on land bought for taxes, 1898,	\$30 00
“ “ “ 1900,	17 95
“ “ “ 1901,	19 84
Due from F. O. Wheeler, taxes, 1901,	233 73
Due from F. C. Buxton, taxes, 1902,	25 74
Due from J. J. Hunt, taxes, 1903,	2,290 58
Cash in treasurer's hands,	2,272 93
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	\$4,890 77

## APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY OWNED BY TOWN.

Town Farm,	\$5,000 00
Town Safe,	200 00
Town House,	2,500 00
Two Hearses,	500 00
Road Machine,	225 00
Wood land,	275 00
Personal property at town farm,	3,108 76
Lumber on hand,	30 00
Seven fire extinguishers,	14 00
Covering stone,	60 00
2000 feet hose,	\$575 00
8 nozzles and spanners,	64 00
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	639 00
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	\$12,551 76

FRANK F. WHEELER,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
JOHN TURNER,	
FRANK D. DAVIS,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Salem.</i>

## TOWN TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

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### Dr.

Feb. 15, 1903, cash on hand,		\$2,269 26
Received from F. O. Wheeler, collector		-
taxes, 1901,		7 03
Land bought for taxes,		
1901, redeemed,		38 84
Fred C. Buxton, collector		
taxes, 1902,	\$1,344 01	
Abatements, 1902,	151 00	
	<hr/>	1,495 01
John J. Hunt, collector		
taxes, 1903,	13,408 62	
Abatement, 1903,	167 12	
	<hr/>	13,575 74
A. L. Littlefield, discount		
notes,		2,932 50
Dog licenses,		377 24
Rent of hall,		45 50
- Sale lots, Pine Grove cem-		
etery,		52 00
Rockingham Light and		
Power Co.,		60 00
H. L. Gordon, use of		
road machine,		3 00

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Received of State literary fund,	\$184 08
Railroad tax,	201 65
Savings bank tax,	259 35
Proportion of school fund,	632 33
High school tuition,	63 50
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	1,340 91
County,	496 49
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	\$22,693 52

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By paid on orders of selectmen, No. 1,	\$3,054 13
“ “ “ No. 2,	4,905 25
“ “ “ No. 3,	12,461 21
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	\$20,420 59
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Balance on hand,	\$2,272 93

JAMES EWINS,

Town Treasurer, Salem, N. H.

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We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing account and find them properly vouched for.

WILLIAM E. LANCASTER,

GEORGE W. PALMER,

Auditors.

# TOWN INDEBTEDNESS—TRUST FUNDS.

## CEMETERY FUNDS.

### Pine Grove.

Corning	fund, for driveways,	\$704 63
Cundy	" for care of lot,	113 00
Whittier	" "	50 00
Buck	" "	102 00
Emerson	" "	102 00
Noyes	" "	106 00
Pettingill	" "	102 00
Corning	" "	212 00
Robinson	" "	102 00

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\$1,593 63

### Mt. Pleasant.

Newell	fund for care of lot,	102 00
Merrick	fund for care of lot,	102 00
C. G. Taylor	" "	102 00
Paul	" "	102 00
R. P. Taylor	" "	102 00
Hunt	" "	102 00
Duston	" "	102 00
J. Taylor, Jr.	" "	101 00

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\$815 00

Pine Grove, Selectmen's account,	153 67
Mt. Pleasant, Selectmen's account,	38 35

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\$192 02

Old School Note, No. 2,	\$293 54
Old School Note, No. 10,	258 26

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\$551 80

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\$3,152 45



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### PINE GROVE CEMETERY FUNDS.

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Gilman Corning Fund,	\$700 00	
Unexpended balance, 1902,	3 63	
Interest, 1903,	42 00	
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	\$745 63	
Paid C. H. Smith, labor on drives,	41 00	
Balance due on Corning Fund,		\$704 63
Cundy Fund,	\$112 00	
Interest to Dec. 31, 1903,	4 00	
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	116 00	
Expended on lot,	3 00	
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Due on Cundy Fund,		\$113 00
Whittier Fund,	\$ 50 00	
Interest to April 1, 1903,	2 00	
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	\$52 00	
Expended on lot,	2 00	
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Due on Whittier Fund,		\$50 00
Buck Fund,	\$101 00	
Interest to Nov. 4, 1903,	4 00	
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	\$105 00	
Expended on lot,	3 00	
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Due on Buck Fund,		\$102 00

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Emerson Fund,	\$101 00	
Interest to April 1, 1903,	4 00	
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	\$105 00	
Expended on lot,	3 00	
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Due on Emerson Fund,		\$102 00
Noyes Fund,	\$103 00	
Interest to April 1, 1903,	6 00	
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	\$109 00	
Expended on lot,	\$ 3 00	
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Due on Noyes Fund,		\$106 00
Benniah Pettengill Fund,	\$101 00	
Interest to March 24, 1904,	4 00	
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	\$105 00	
Expended on lot,	\$ 3 00	
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Due on Pettingill Fund,		\$102 00
Gilman Corning Fund,	\$206 00	
Interest to May 15, 1903,	8 00	
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	\$214 00	
Expended on lot,	2 00	
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Due on Corning Fund,		\$212 00
Albert Robinson Fund,	\$101 00	
Interest to Oct. 1, 1903,	4 00	
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	\$105 00	
Expended on lot	3 00	
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Due on Robinson Fund,		\$102 00

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## MOUNT PLEASANT CEMETERY FUNDS.

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Samuel T. Newell Fund,	\$101 00	
Interest to Oct. 1, 1903,	4 00	
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	\$105 00	
Expended on lot,	3 00	
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Due on Newell lot,		\$102 00
Albert Merrick Fund,	\$101 00	
Interest to April 1, 1903,	4 00	
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	\$105 00	
Expended on lot,	3 00	
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Due on Merrick lot,		\$102 00
C. G. Taylor Fund,	\$101 00	
Interest to April 1, 1904,	4 00	
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	\$105 00	
Expended on lot,	3 00	
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Due on Taylor lot,		\$102 00
Matthew Paul fund,	\$101 00	
Interest to April 1, 1904,	4 00	
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	\$105 00	
Expended on lot,	3 00	
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Due on Paul lot,		\$102 00

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Hattie D. Hunt Fund,	\$101 00	
Interest to March 13, 1904,	4 00	
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	\$105 00	
Expended on lot,	3 00	
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• Due on Hunt lot,		\$102 00
Augusta M. Duston Fund,	\$101 00	
Interest to March 13, 1904,	4 00	
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	\$105 00	
Expended on lot,	3 00	
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Due on Duston lot,		\$102 00
Reuben P. Taylor Fund,	\$101 00	
Interest to Oct. 7, 1903,	4 00	
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	\$105 00	
Expended on lot,	3 00	
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Due on Taylor lot,		\$102 00
John Taylor Jr. Fund,	\$100 00	
Interest from July 1, 1902, to July 1,		
1903,	4 00	
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	\$104 00	
Expended on lot,	3 00	
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Due on Taylor lot		\$101 00

**PINE GROVE CEMETERY.****Selectmen's Account.****Dr.**

Feb. 15, 1903—Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$148 67	
Received for lots,	52 00	
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**Cr.**

Paid C. H. Smith, labor on drives and mowing bushes,	47 00	
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Feb. 15, 1904—Cash in Treasurer's hands,	\$153 67	

**MT. PLEASANT CEMETERY.****Selectmen's Account.****Dr.**

Feb. 15, 1903—Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$47 35	
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**Cr.**

Paid C. E. Nichol, labor and supplies,	9 00	
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Feb. 15, 1904—Cash in hands of Treas.	\$38 35	

FRANK F. WHEELER,  
JOHN TURNER,  
FRANK D. DAVIS,  
Selectmen of Salem.



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**CEMETERY FUNDS.**
**Pine Grove.**

Corning fund, for drive ways,	\$704 63
Cundy fund, for care of lots,	113 00
Whittier fund,           “	50 00
Buck fund,               “	102 00
Emerson fund,          “	102 00
Noyes fund,             “	106 00
Pettingill fund,       “	102 00
Robinson fund,        “	102 00
Corning fund,          “	212 00

**Mt. Pleasant.**

Newell fund, for care of lots,	102 00
Merrick fund,           “	102 00
C. G. Taylor fund,   “	102 00
Paul fund,              “	102 00
Hunt fund,              “	102 00
Duston fund,           “	102 00
R. P. Taylor fund,   “	102 00
J. Taylor Jr. fund,   “	101 00

**PINE GROVE.**

Selectmen's account,	\$153 67
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**MT. PLEASANT.**

Selectmen's account,	38 35
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**OVERSEER OF THE POOR.**

Received as per Superintendent's report,	\$2,063 76
Paid as per Superintendent's report,	2,025 13
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	\$ 38 63
Less amount due Supt. in 1902,	1 11
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Balance in Supt.'s hands,	\$ 37 52

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## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF ALMSHOUSE.

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Received for milk,	\$1,297 36	
cows,	208 71	
calves,	50 57	
labor,	15 00	
work on roads,	392 50	
potatoes,	25 00	
snow paths,	74 62	
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		\$2,063 76
Paid for grain,	\$825 47	
cows,	218 00	
phosphate,	20 00	
grass,	15 00	
mowing machine,	38 00	
pigs,	33 50	
groceries,	283 48	
provisions,	178 60	
miscellaneous,	69 77	
labor,	343 31	
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		2,025 13
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		\$ 38 63
Less amount due Supt., 1902,		1 11
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Cash on hand,		\$ 37 52
Due from James Sinnott,	\$260 20	

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PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE, FEB. 15. 1904.

20 tons English hay,	\$360 00
2 tons oat fodder,	28 00
1 ton second crop,	14 00
10 tons ensilage,	50 00
Market wagon,	30 00
Light wagon,	2 00
Democrat wagon,	50 00
1 old mowing machine,	12 00
1 new McCormic machine,	38 00
1 horse rake,	8 00
2 wheel harrows,	30 00
Farm wagon,	25 00
1 two-horse wagon,	35 00
1 two-horse cart,	35 00
1 two-horse sled,	20 00
1 one-horse sled,	2 00
Ox cart,	12 00
1 weeder,	8 00
2 double harnesses with collars,	20 00
3 light harness,	15 00
1 new harness,	15 00
1 heavy harness,	15 00
Lot old harness,	1 50
Sulky plow,	35 00
Road plow,	20 00
Swivel plow,	10 00
Lot old plows,	4 00
Road snow roller,	12 00

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45 empty flour bbls,	5 45
1 bush rye,	1 00
15 fowls,	7 50
17 cows,	1,020 00
1 bull,	30 00
2 horses,	250 00
5 shoats,	50 00
8 shoats,	30 00
800 lbs mix feed,	10 00
1000 lbs meal,	12 50
3 bags sprouts,	3 00
8 bags gluten feed,	10 40
50 lbs oil meal,	80
3 bags best pulp,	3 30
3 ladders,	4 00
6 hay forks,	1 75
Horse blankets,	2 75
Pulley blocks and rope,	2 00
Sulphur,	25
Lot halters,	1 00
Kow Kure,	1 00
Lot baskets,	2 00
30 lbs. spikes,	1 50
10 lbs. shingle nails,	40
Lot barbed wire,	4 00
Lot rope,	50
1 1-2 M. 3 in. plank,	36 00
1 M. boards,	12 00
8 fire extinguishers,	16 00
12 cords prepared wood,	72 00
10 cords wood,	37 50
15 cords pine wood,	37 50

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9 meal bags,	1 00
200 sacks,	4 00
1 pung,	35 00
Lot sawdust,	4 00
2 stone drags,	4 00
35 bushels small potatoes,	17 50
15 bushels potatoes,	15 00
40 bushels beets,	22 00
45 bushels carrots,	22 50
1 1-2 bbls. salt pork,	24 00
300 gal. vinegar,	36 00
4 gal. boiled cider and jug,	2 00
100 lbs. ham,	12 50
300 cakes ice,	15 00
50 lbs. fresh beef,	3 50
22 cans fruit,	5 50
2 lbs. butter,	56
20 lbs. lard,	2 50
2 bushels colored beans,	5 00
Lot crackers,	50
Lot sugar,	1 50
Lot groceries,	9 50
2 1-2 bbls. flour,	14 00
25 sheets,	3 75
10 straw beds,	5 00
16 feather beds,	30 00
30 pillows and bolsters,	13 50
12 quilts,	11 00
37 towels,	3 70
Knives and forks,	1 00
Lamps,	1 00
Mirrors and clocks,	2 50

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35 pillow slips,	3 50
Milk tank,	7 00
Milk aeriator,	6 00
16 window screens,	3 50
2 screen doors,	1 50
Washing machine,	5 00
Chest and drawers,	6 00
Lot crockery,	3 00
Lot jugs,	50
Sideboard,	3 00
Clothesline,	50
Lot brooms,	1 00
Wash tubs,	2 00
2 clothes horses,	2 00
Chairs and tables,	10 00
2 watering pots,	1 00
Flat irons,	2 00
Steelyards,	30
6 pork barrels,	3 00
2 brass kettles,	3 00
Oil and can,	1 25
Mush boilers,	1 25
Oil stove,	40
Tobacco cutter,	80
Churn and milk pails,	3 60
36 milk cans,	22 00
Tin ware,	5 00
Butter box,	40
4 lanterns,	2 00
Warming pan,	2 00
Lot stone jars,	1 00
Lot salt,	2 00
1 wringer,	1 65
Cooking stove,	15 00
Soap and washing powder,	75
2 wood stoves,	7 50
15 new curtains,	3 00



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6 shovels,	4 00
3 hoes,	1 00
3 potato hooks,	90
1 stone pick,	65
Lot rakes,	1 00
1 stone fork,	1 00
Lot scythes and snaths,	3 00
2 iron bars,	2 00
Lot chains,	2 75
2 stone hammers,	75
1 A harrow,	2 00
Wheel barrow,	1 50
Lot whiffletrees,	2 00
Lot yokes,	2 00
Horse weight,	1 00
Wood measurers,	1 50
Hay cutter,	2 00
2 cross cut saws,	2 00
4 axes,	2 00
Hay rack,	3 00
Grain chest,	5 00
1 garden rake,	80
3 wood saws,	1 50
Horse hoe,	4 00
Corn planter,	18 00
Grind stone,	3 00
10 feed boxes,	50
10 pails,	1 00
3 augurs,	1 40
2 feed bags,	1 25
2 bush scythes,	1 00
Curry combs and brushes,	75

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# VITAL STATISTICS.

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*To the Selectmen :*

In compliance with an act of the legislature passed June session, 1887, requiring clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the annual report, I hereby submit the following :

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SALEM, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1903.**

Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Name of Child, if Any.	Sex.	Living or Stillborn.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Residence of Parents.
January 15 ..	Salem.	George William Patee	M	L	George A. Patee	Anna C. Hemphill	Salem.
January 31 ..	"	Doris Esther Kezer	F	L	Judson L. Kezer	Iva M. Jackson	"
February 2 ..	"	Proctor Wentworth Blotner	M	L	Samuel Wentworth Joseph Blotner	Georgie Proctor Rebecca R. Dick	"
February 12.	"	Grace Arline Gagne	F	L	Lyndon A. Gagne	Jennie Tyrie	"
February 27.	"	Walter William Littlejohn	M	L	John Glenn Littlejohn	Cora Bell Sampson	"
March 6 ....	"	Herbert Trull Wallace	M	L	Lascelles C. Wallace	Flora M. Trull	"
March 11....	"	Elsa Estella Cross	F	L	George M. Cross	Alice M. Haselton	"
March 13 ....	"	Ralph Samuel Heaps	M	L	Samuel H. Heaps	Agnes M. Geavin	"
March 20 ....	"	Roger Harrison Townsend	M	L	George Edwin Townsend	Nettie Ardella Blodgett	"
March 29 ....	"	Bradford	M	L	William Davis Bradford	Mary A. Estes	"
April 9.....	"	Carl Eugene Thorp	M	L	Frank Lee Thorpe	Bertha Linwood Freeland	"
April 22.....	"	Nelson Morris	M	L	Charles E. Morris	Kate Gillis	"
May 10.....	"	Edgar Wallace Smith	M	L	Morton E. Smith	Neva Clark	"
May 27.....	"	Paul Hortin Irish	M	L	Alanson E. Irish	Lovina Fortiere	"
June 10.....	"	Glines Sweeny Sleeper	M	L	James B. Sleeper	Annie McPhail	"
June 17.....	"	Ada Maria Davis	F	L	Emerson A. Davis	Maria Hutchins	"
June 22.....	"	Bertha Myrtie Gage	F	L	Edwin E. Gage	Lillian Stimpson	"
July 10.....	"	Edith Rosalee McKenney	F	L	Lester McKenney	Mary Shortt	"
July 31.....	"	Jacob Kirkorian	M	L	Paul Kirkorian	Sarah Horsa	"
August 14....	"	Frank Simeon Ryerson	M	L	Frank Ryerson	Hattie Pollard	"
August 21....	"	Henry Lewis Woodbury	M	L	Lewis F. Woodbury	Frances J. Story	"
September 2.	"	Charles Everett Rolfe	M	L	Charles Rolfe	May Perry	"
September 27	"	Ruth Isabel Nichols	F	L	Charles P. Nichols	Bessie F. Ross	"
October 3....	"	Mildred Elene Fenton	F	L	Dennis Fenton	Grace Wells	"
October 15...	"	Carl Edward Hadley	M	L	Walter F. Hadley	Sadie Nudd	"
October 25...	"	Franklin Herbert Plumb	M	L	Franklin H. Plumb	Bertha May Wells	"
October 26...	"	Herbert James Woodbury	M	L	George Henry Woodbury	Gracie Elнора Totman	"
October 28...	"	Ruth Emelle Newvine	F	L	Alex Newvine	Ora Dumont	"
November 2..	"	John Everett Blaisdell	M	L	Emery Edward Blaisdell	Emma Wilkes	"
November 7..	"	Charles Wesley Call	M	L	Charles H. Call	Alice B. Coulliard	Somerville, Mass
November 8..	"	Ella Noves Rowell	F	L	C. Eugene Rowell	Mary E. Wilson	Salem.
November 14.	"	Dilwyn McLean	M	L	Donald A. McLean	Edith M. Menut	"
December 1..	"	George Nelson Spates	M	L	George H. Spates	Delia F. O'Neill	"
December 17	"	Janette Moran Dessault	F	L	John Lewis Dessault	Nettie Kelley	"
December 24	"	Bessie Caroline Coleman	F	L	George H. Coleman	Lola Stratton	"

I certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JAMES AYER, Town Clerk.

# MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SALEM, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1903.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence at Time of Marriage.	Age of Each.	Occupation.	Place of Birth of Each.
February 1 ..	Salem, N. H.	Clarence I. Watson	Wakefield, N. H.	24	Lumberman	Wakefield, N. H.
February 5 ..	Salem, N. H.	Sabra F. Murdock	Salem, N. H.	21	Dressmaker	Salem, N. H.
February 17 .	Salem, N. H.	Alonzo Henry Woodbury	Salem, N. H.	32	Mill operative	Salem, N. H.
March 17 ...	Salem, N. H.	Annie L. Henderson	Sanford, Me.	18	Mill operative	Waterboro, Me.
March 31 ...	Lawrence, Mass.	Thomas T. Snell	Boston, Mass.	24	Clerk	Birkbeck, Ill.
April 4 .....	Salem, N. H.	Harriet B. Fagberg	Boston, Mass.	19	At home	Milwaukee, Wis.
April 11 .....	Salem, N. H.	Herbert S. Smith	Melrose, Mass.	22	Salesman	Somerville, Mass.
April 30 .....	Salem, N. H.	Rose L. Millett	Salem, N. H.	22	At home	No. Woodstock, Me.
May 31 .....	Salem, N. H.	Fred Knightley Gamble	Lawrence, Mass.	32	Clergyman	Elmore, O.
June 10 .....	Windham, N. H.	Sarah Olive Lord	Lawrence, Mass.	30	Saleswoman	Lawrence, Mass.
June 24 .....	Salem, N. H.	Arthur W. True	Lawrence, Mass.	17	None	Victory, Vt.
July 14 .....	Salem, N. H.	Charlotte B. Lowell	Hiram, Me.	25	Operative	Hiram, Me.
July 29 .....	Salem, N. H.	George Henry Woodbury	Salem, N. H.	28	Shoemaker	Ballardvale, Mass.
		Grace Elhara Totman	Salem, N. H.	21	Operative	Auburn, Me.
		George Harold Crown	Haverhill, Mass.	27	Clerk	Milton, Vt.
		Addie R. Gray	Haverhill, Mass.	25	At home	Lynn, Mass.
		Joseph A. Bonin	Nashua, N. H.	22	Plasterer	Canada
		Rose A. Mercier	Lawrence, Mass.	18	Mill operative	Canada
		Charles Edwin Merrill	Salem, N. H.	23	Butcher	Salem, Mass.
		Alta Florence Johnson	Windham, N. H.	22	At home	Somerville, Mass.
		Joseph C. Brown	Hopedale, Mass.	35	Penman	Sweden
		Florence E. Moore	Milford, Mass.	24	At home	Pittsford, Vt.
		Harry M. V. Martin	Haverhill, Mass.	19	Shipper	Haverhill, Mass.
		Jennie M. Yates	Haverhill, Mass.	22	At home	Belfast, Me.
		Frederick H. Bates	Hyde Park, Mass.	25	Newspaper writer	Whitman, Mass.
		Nellie B. Webster	Salem, N. H.	25	At home	Salem, N. H.

August 5 . . . .	Salem, N. H.	Jacob W. Kelley	Salem, N. H.	38	Farmer	Salem, N. H.
August 14 . . .	Salem, N. H.	Annie B. Page	Salem, N. H.	33	Housekeeper	Lawrence, Mass.
September 9 .	Salem, N. H.	Albert Irvin Alexander	Lawrence, Mass.	23	Engineer	Mansfield, Mass.
September 16	Salem, N. H.	Delia Kennedy	Lawrence, Mass.	24	Weaver	Lawrence, Mass.
September 19	Lawrence, Mass.	Fred A. Weiss	Lawrence, Mass.	24	Bank clerk	Lawrence, Mass.
October 15 . .	Salem, N. H.	Minnie F. Cole	Salem, N. H.	21	At home	Salem, N. H.
October 17 . .	Salem, N. H.	Lee Hussell	Salem, N. H.	35	Shoemaker	Anapolis, N. S.
October 19 . .	Salem, N. H.	Florence M. White	Salem, N. H.	24	Operative	Rogersville, N. B.
October 28 . .	Salem, N. H.	John H. Sias	Newport, N. H.	33	Shoemaker	Belmont, Mass.
November 5 .	Salem, N. H.	Inez W. McMurphy	Tilton, N. H.	30	Shoe stitcher	Hooksett, N. H.
November 11.	Salem, N. H.	Albert Milton Austin	Salem, N. H.	19	Shoemaker	Salem, N. H.
November 18.	Salem, N. H.	Orie Lizzie Felch	Salem, N. H.	20	Weaver	Salem, N. H.
		Arthur C. Bailey	Salem, N. H.	19	Shoe cutter	Springfield, Me.
		Helen McDermott	Haverhill, Mass.	17	Operative	Haverhill, Mass.
		Lewis A. Moore	Lowell, Mass.	45	House painter	Lowell, Me.
		Nellie Murphy	Salem, N. H.	29	Dressmaker	Danville, Vt.
		Frank M. Roberts	Salem, N. H.	25	Farmer	Salem, N. H.
		Hattie Robie	Salem, N. H.	18	At home	Salem, N. H.
		Warren Hannagan	Salem, N. H.	21	Waiter	Lawrence, Mass.
		Lizzie Dion	Salem, N. H.	21	Dressmaker	Waterville, Me.
		Charles Martin Hopkinson	Lawrence, Mass.	21	Plumber	Epping, N. H.
		Anna Frances Murphy	Lawrence, Mass.	28	Bookkeeper	Buffalo, N. Y.
		Leslie A. Hager	Nashua, N. H.	28	Confectioner	Littleton, Mass.
		Cora M. Shedd	Nashua, N. H.	22	Vocalist	North Walpole, N. H.

I certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JAMES AYER, *Town Clerk.*

# DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SALEM, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1903.

Date of Death	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of Deceased.	Age.			Condition.			* Name of Father.	Disease or Cause of Death.
			Years.	M'ns.	Days.	Sex.	Single.	Married.		
January 5...	Salem.	Ralph Macurdy Hall	60	10	9	M		S	Arthur C. Hall	Pneumonia
January 11..	"	Alfred E. Goodwin	66	3	1	M		M	Elliott Goodwin	Nervous exhaustion
January 23..	"	John W. Bean	66	7	6	M		M	John Bean	Heart disease
February 14.	"	Joseph H. Gage	61	1	16	M		M	Eliphalet Gage	Phthisis
February 20.	"	Theodore A. Gibbs	77	8	24	M		M		Chronic dyspepsia
March 2....	"	Isabel M. Austin	56	5	20	F		W	Charles Merrill	Catarrhal pneumonia
March 29....	"	Bradford				M		S	William D. Bradford	Debility
April 21.....	"	Andrew Jack'n White	73	7	21	M		M	Fairfield White	Heart disease
April 24.....	"	Elizabeth Fletcher	66	1	15	F		M	Abel Webber	Cerebral softening
May 5.....	"	Walter W. Littlejohn		2	7	M		S	John G. Littlejohn	Marasmus
May 28.....	"	Charles H. Berry	60	8	10	M		W	Charles R. Berry	Gastritis
June 5.....	"	Lydia Kinstler	5	5		F		S	Albion Kinstler	Whooping cough
June 16.....	"	Ira P. Lamson	71	11	8	M		W	Daniel Lamson	Chronic catarrh of intestines
June 26.....	"	James H. Kelley	23	4	4	M		M	Thomas Kelley	Laceration of brain (suicide)
July 5.....	"	Arthur O. Bergeron	14	2	19	M		S	Napoleon Bergeron	Drowning
July 5.....	"	Joseph A. Bergeron	11	2	18	M		S	Philip Bergeron	Drowning
August 2.....	"	Eugene Lucier	23	9		M		M	Isador Lucier	Drowning
August 18....	"	Joseph Thomas Hall		10	18	M		S	William Hall	Cholera infantum
August 21...	"	William Hall	3	7		M		S	William Hall	Dysentery



September 1..	Salem.	Eva L. Lowell	51	3	28	F	M	William T. Stevens	Hypertrophy of Heart
October 25..	"	Elliott A Wells	92	6	29	M	S	Albert W. Wells	Gastritis
October 30.	"	Lydia Merrill	57	10	9	F	W	David Messer	Old age
November 18.	"	Gideon D. Conley	84	3	17	M	M	Gideon W. Conley	Heart disease
December 15	"	Charles Rufus Berry	43	1	7	M	W	John Berry	Old age
December 17	"	Ruth Newvine	69	11	21	F	S	Alec Newvine	Convulsions
December 19	"	Frank Edward Robie	21	1	9	M	M	Daniel Robie	Hypertrophic cirrhosis of liver
December 28	"	Thomas W. Emerson	21	10	8	M	W	Archibald Emerson	Gangrene
December 30	"	Alice B. Wells		10	24	F	M	Edson Emerson	Phthisis

I certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JAMES AYER, Town Clerk.

## PERMITS ISSUED FOR THE INTERMENT OF DECEASED PERSONS FROM OTHER PLACES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 1903.

NAME OF DECEASED.	Place of Death.	Name of Cemetery.	Died.	AGE.		
				Yrs.	Mos.	Days.
George R. W. Phippen.....	Lawrence, Mass.	Pine Grove.	Jan. 6	6		18
Francena Goodwin.....	Dover, N. H.	"	" 17	50	1	16
Nellie B. Currier.....	Manchester, "	"	" 24	42	1	6
Mary Renon.....	Laconia, "	"	Feb. 14	88	7	4
William B. Kimball.....	Haverhill, Mass.	"	Mar. 10	66	1	7
Chauncy P. Fuller.....	Derry, N. H.	Mount Pleasant.	" 28	6		
Thomas J. Taylor.....	Haverhill, Mass.	"	May 23	71	6	5
Lucy M. Pickering.....	Lakeport, N. H.	Pine Grove.	June 1	49	11	28
Abbie Frances Coburn.....	Haverhill, Mass.	"	" 11	62	8	
Horace Leroy Goodhue.....	Windham, N. H.	Mount Pleasant.	July 15	11	11	5
Burton Harvey Woodward.....	Berlin, Mass.	Pine Grove.	Aug. 19	39	8	
Caroline J. Simonds.....	Bellingham, "	"	" 22	77	2	12
Abbie B. Silver.....	Salem, "	"	Sept. 24	77		
Susan A. Bumpus.....	Lowell, "	" Rem'vd from Cemetery in Lowell	Apr. 22, 1854	20		
Zarada B. George.....	Haverhill, "	"	Sept. 30	73	6	7
Mary R. Allen.....	Sandown, N. H.	"	Oct. 4	99	7	
Temple Roberts Morrison.....	Clinton, Mass.	"	" 29	42	11	
Frances A. Newell.....	Derry, N. H.	Mount Pleasant.	Nov. 23	61	3	3
Stephen W. Davis.....	Strafford, Vt.	Pine Grove.	" 23	80	7	3
Anne Maria Wentworth.....	West Newbury, Mass.	"	Dec. 3	91	10	12
Betsey M. Duston.....	Revere, "	Old Cemetery, Salem Center.	" 12	95	11	15
Benaiah Pettengill.....	Haverhill, "	Pine Grove.	" 24	82	11	8

I certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JAMES AYER, Town Clerk.

PERMITS ISSUED FOR THE REMOVAL OF BODIES OF DECEASED PERSONS TO OTHER PLACES FOR INTERMENT FOR  
THE YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 1903.

NAMES OF DECEASED.	Place of Death.	Removed to.	Died.	AGE.		
				Yrs.	Mos.	Days.
John W. Bean.....	Salem.	Penacook, N. H.	January 23.	66	7	6
Andrew Jackson White.....	"	Methuen, Mass.	April 21.	73	7	21
Walter W. Littlejohn.....	"	Lawrence, "	May 5.	60	2	7
Charles H. Berry.....	"	Dracut, "	May 28.	60	8	10
Lydia Kinstler.....	"	Lawrence, "	June 5.	5	5	4
Ira P. Lamson.....	"	Plainfield, Vt.	June 16.	71	11	8
James H. Kelley.....	"	Salem, Mass.	June 26.	23	4	4
Arthur O. Bergeron.....	"	Lawrence, "	July 5.	14	2	19
Joseph A. Bergeron.....	"	"	July 5.	11	2	18
Joseph Thomas Hall.....	"	Haverhill, "	August 18.	11	10	18
William Hall.....	"	"	August 21.	3	7	9
Lydia Merrill.....	"	Methuen, "	October 30.	92	6	9
Gideon D. Conley.....	"	Haverhill, "	November 18.	57	10	17
Charles Rufus Berry.....	"	Lowell, "	December 15.	84	3	7
Ruth Newvine.....	"	Lawrence, "	December 17.	69	1	21
Thomas W. Emerson.....	"	Boston, "	December 28.	69	1	8

I certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JAMES AYER, *Town Clerk.*

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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Hose No. 1 was organized at Salem Centre Village and the following officers elected :

Clerk, Albert M. Austin.

Treasurer, James Ewins.

Hosemen, John Nichols, Frank N. Emerson.

Chief, John F. Hall.

The company has a membership of eighteen.

The selectmen have purchased and delivered to us 300 feet of rubber lined Eureka hose and 700 feet of Underwriters No. 1 linen hose and four nozzles.

The company own in their own right two Standard Chemical Fire Extinguishers.

JOHN F. HALL,

Fire Warden.

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## FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT.

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I submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 15, 1904 :

Received from former Board of Selectmen :

- 300 feet of rubber lined hose.
- 2 one-inch nozzles.
- 3 spanners.
- 3 hydrant wrenches.

Received from present Board of Selectmen :

- 700 feet linen hose.
- 2 half-inch nozzles.
- 12 spanners.
- All are in good condition.

Two fires have occurred during the year ; one at the property of Loren E. Bailey, with a loss estimated at about \$500 ; the other at the property of George W. Thom, with a loss estimated from \$1,200 to \$1,500. Three still alarms have also been caused by fires in chimneys.

Considering it necessary for the public good, an article was inserted in the daily papers for all those interested, to meet at Pilgrim Hall, Jan. 28, to organize a hose company. The meeting proved a success, and Hose Company No. 1 of Salem Depot, N. H., was organized with twenty (20) members.

### OFFICERS CHOSEN :

Foreman,  
Assistant Foreman,  
Clerk,  
Treasurer,

David S. Emery,  
Walter F. Hadley,  
Judson L. Keizer,  
James H. Hadley.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID S. EMERY,  
Firewarden Salem Depot.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

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### *To the Selectmen of Salem:*

The undersigned respectfully submit their report for the year ended Feb. 15, 1904.

Harry E. Siske, having removed from town, James H. Hadley having resigned, and the term of James Ayer having expired, the Board of Health ceased to exist.

Immediately after April 1st the selectmen appointed a new board, as follows: James Ayer, to serve three years, from April 1, 1903; Kimball M. McLaughlin, two years, from April 1, 1903; David S. Emery, one year, from April 1, 1903, all of whom took the oath of office by law prescribed.

The annual inspection of the public and other buildings was dispensed with, owing to urgent business requirements of the members of the board.

The number of cases of nuisances heretofore reported has been largely reduced since our last report, only three cases having required our attention.

There were 29 cases of measles, five of diphtheria, one of typhoid fever and five of scarlet fever, none of which proved fatal.

The Salem Water Works Company have extended their line of pipes during the past year, and many families and manufacturing plants have had water introduced into their buildings. The water furnished is excellent, and it is intended to keep it so.



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A legal petition having been presented to the State Board of Health asking for the establishment of regulations to protect the purity of the water of Canobie Lake, under the provision of Chap. 57, laws of 1899, entitled, "An act for the better protection of public water supplies," the State Board of Health caused a list of regulations to protect the waters of Canobie Lake, in the towns of Salem and Windham, to be published in said towns, to take effect on and after October 15, 1903, "Any deviation from these regulations must be by recommendation of the local Board of Health."

Owing to the lateness of the season the local Board of Health did not attempt to put the regulations in force, confining their operations to the posting of the notices and offering suggestions to those who might be affected thereby.

The number of deaths from all causes was 28, being six less than that of last year.

The death rate per cent. on 1,000 population, census of 1900, was 13.71 plus. Last year, 16.65 plus.

KIMBALL M. McLAUGHLIN,  
DAVID S. EMERY,  
JAMES AYER,

Board of Health.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE TOWN HISTORY.

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*To the Citizens of Salem :—*

Last year a report was prepared, but on account of its length it was decided not to print it, relying on an opportunity to present the same at the annual town meeting. The business of that meeting took up so much time that the report was not read. Considerable progress has been made in collecting material for the work, but not so much as could be desired, because of sickness during the whole of the past year in my family, terminating in the death of my relative, Oct. 30, last.

A large amount of copying, filing and corresponding has been done, but I was prevented from visiting much out of town for information sought in the public libraries elsewhere.

More than a year ago circulars were sent to the people of the town calling for their genealogies and other matters, and I am sorry to say that those to whom they were sent have only in a very few cases responded. It is regretted that no more interest has been manifested, and this neglect has been the means of delaying the preparation of the history.

At your annual meeting I shall be pleased to answer any questions regarding the subject.

The appropriation of \$500.00 voted last March is still in the town treasury, and the balance unexpended of the previous appropriation to Feb. 15, 1904, is \$214.09. There are a few charges of small amounts not included in the above, as only estimates can now be made. The financial statement will be sent to the selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES AYER.

# SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

*To the Board of Trustees of the Salem Free Public Library:*

GENTLEMEN—The annual report of the library, showing its work for the year ending Feb. 15, 1904, is herewith presented.

The Year's Growth: Since our last report 74 books have been added to the library, 65 by purchase, and nine gifts, making a total of 1,839. We also have Public Documents and Reports to the amount of 314 bound volumes, and 635 paper covers and pamphlets.

The Year's Circulation—During the year 5,452 volumes were issued for home use, an increase from last year of 196. Nearly one-third of the books issued were sent to the Depot Village, and a little less than one-eighth to North Salem. The largest number issued in one month was 550, in January; the smallest number, 323, in July. The largest number in one day, 144, April 25; the smallest number, 60, Aug. 15. Average per day, 109. Number of cards issued, 73.

Received for fines,	\$7 88
For sale of catalogues and programs,	3 15

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\$11 03

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN A. CLUFF,

Librarian.

February 15, 1904.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SALEM  
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.**

**For the Year Ending Feb. 15, 1904.**

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Cash received of former Treasurer,	\$ 13 69	
Town appropriation,	100 00	
Town appropriation, by law,	78 90	
Essex Savings Bank,	29 54	
Fines,	7 88	
Sale of Catalogues and programs,	3 15	
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Total received,		\$233 16
Total paid out,		207 93
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Balance on hand,		\$25 23

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**STATEMENT OF FUNDS HELD BY THE TRUSTEES.**

In Amoskeag Savings Bank, Manchester,	
Jan. 3, 1902,	\$330 08
In Essex Savings Bank, Lawrence, Feb.	
11, 1904,	175 00
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	\$505 08

BENJAMIN R. WHEELER,  
Treasurer.

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We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing account  
and find them properly vouched for.

WILLIAM E. LANCASTER,  
GEORGE W. PALMER,  
Auditors.

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**CASH PAID OUT.**

1903 : Feb. 23, Currier Pub. Co.,	\$ 2 00
Feb. 23, James Ewins,	4 20
Feb. 23, U. S. Postal Money Or-	
der for Books,	1 00
June 1, S. A. Cluff, salary and	
supplies,	20 00
June 15, W. Haigh,	1 50
June 22, G. C. Gordon & Son,	
insurance,	5 40
Aug. 24, S. A. Cluff, salary and	
supplies,	16 66

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Aug. 24, J. C. Crowell, wood,	3 50
Sept. H. Wilson, can. books,	13 00
Sept. 14, P. F. Collier & Son, books,	20 05
Oct. 10, S. A. Cluff, salary and supplies,	15 60
Oct. 10, Rumford Printing Co.,	34 50
Oct. 10, Freight and express,	40
Dec. 5, N. H. Pub. Co.,	3 50
Dec. 11, K. M. Sullivan,	1 10
Dec. 22, G. A. Richardson, care of books,	14 00
1904 : Jan. 7, N. P. Tilton, sawing wood,	1 00
Jan. 8, J. H. Wilson, can. books,	13 00
Jan. 8, P. F. Collier & Son, books,	7 25
Jan. 31, E. D. Bran, books,	2 10
Jan. 19, Rumford Printing Co.,	7 01
Jan. 22, J. C. Crowell, wood,	4 25
Jan. 25, N. P. Tilton, sawing wood,	85
Feb. 13, S. A. Cluff, salary and supplies,	15 45
Feb. 13, Ex. collecting,	60

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\$207 93

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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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The trustees of the Free Public Library respectfully submit their annual report for the year ending Feb. 15, 1904.

The trustees organized at the beginning of the fiscal year just closed by the choice of Clinton L. Silver as chairman, Benjamin R. Wheeler as treasurer and Loren B. McLaughlin clerk.

The regular meetings of the trustees have been held in the Public Library the first Saturday night of each calendar month.

The books added to the Library during the year have been works of history, travel, biography, science, Greek, Roman and American orators.

A History of the World in two volumes is a gift to the Library by Mrs. Jerome Kelley.

We have followed the custom of the past years in the distribution of books at Salem Depot and North Salem.

The librarian, Mrs. Susan Cluff, has performed the duties of her office to the entire satisfaction of the trustees.

The trustees are glad to note that the circulation of books has increased during the year.

The trustees recommend that the sum of one hundred (\$100) dollars be raised for the support of the Library in addition to the amount required by law.

Respectfully submitted,

CLINTON L. SILVER,

LOREN B. McLAUGHLIN,

Trustees of the Salem Free Public Library.



## REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

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The supervisory district of which Salem now forms a part consists of the towns of Epping, Hudson and Salem. Salem's proportion of salary paid the Superintendent of schools is \$450. One-half of this amount is paid by the state, the other half from the town school money.

For the report of the condition of your school we refer you to the report of the Superintendent.

The statistical report is made ending Aug. 1, 1903. The financial report for the year ending Feb. 19th, 1904.

Each school has had 36 weeks with the exception of No. 7. This school was closed for want of enough pupils to make a good school. They were conveyed to No. 6 until the winter term and then the school was opened, as families had moved in to the district with children, so we had 13 scholars. This school had eleven weeks this winter, and we hope enough scholars will remain in the district to maintain a school in that district.

School No. 3 has had one week extra of school furnished by the Fund of that district.

No. 10 has had two weeks extra furnished by the Fund of that district.

We think the school year should be the same for the year to come as in the year passed, 36 weeks, and in order that the schools be in session 36 weeks, recommend that the district raise the sum of \$5,250, divided as follows: Teachers, \$3,294; janitor, \$240; fuel, \$360; books and supplies, \$330; repairs

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\$75; conveying pupils, \$270; school officers, \$110; superintendent, \$240; music, \$180; miscellaneous, \$35.

School house No. 6 is in need of some repairs. The roof leaks. In the Valley these have been repaired some. They should be resingled and plastered. The porches will have to be retinned or some other roof put on, as the present tin is leaking, but this will cost both jobs some \$75.

School house No. 3 needs shingling. This should have been done the present year, but we repaired it so it has done very well.

The district voted to raise, and did raise, the sum of \$50, to build a fence and repair the old fence on school house lot No. 1. We looked the ground over and thought it best to repair the old fences, which we did at an expense of \$2.25. The new fence we did not build, we thought it would be better to buy the lot of land of Mr. Allan, if it could be bought at a fair price (and we think it can be), and give the scholars a larger play ground. They are crowded now so that the window is in danger of being broken if they play ball (and most all like to.)

We again call your attention to the crowded condition of No. 6 school. This school building has a seating capacity of 96 seats. We have had 96 scholars in that school the past year. This school is growing and will continue to grow in the future, and we must provide seats for those that come in. We think you would get better results if you would furnish one more room.

While your committee has labored hard to provide good teachers for every school, we have failed to get just what we would have liked. When we have got a good teacher some superintendent or committee from Massachusetts would find it out and pay them \$100 or more a year than we could. No. 6 school has been unfortunate in this respect.

When we have found out that the teachers were not doing what we thought we ought to expect them to, we have let them go and tried another. We think this best for the best interests of the school district.

We hope the district will continue to have a superintendent in the future as in the past few years. We believe it to be for the best of our schools. Let us not go backward, but go forward and have the very best schools that we can.

We have given orders to the Treasurer to pay as follows :

Teachers,	\$3,293 10
Superintendent,	473 76
Janitors,	236 80
Fuel,	256 32
Books,	146 48
Supplies,	209 18
Conveying pupils,	266 00
Repairs,	74 57
Miscellaneous,	32 41
Enumeration,	11 00
Music,	120 00
Tuition at Methuen,	76 00
Tuition at Windham,	3 00
School Board,	100 00
Treasurer,	10 00
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	\$5,418 62

GEORGE W. THOM,  
CLINTON L. SILVER,  
HENRY P. TAYLOR,

School Board of Salem, N. H.

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## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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*To the Inhabitants of the Town School District in the Town of Salem, qualified to vote in district affairs:—*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall on Saturday, the twelfth day of March, 1904, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:—

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
4. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
5. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise for the support of schools in addition to the tax acquired by law.
6. To see if the district will vote to repair the roof of No. 6 school house and raise money for the same.
7. To see if the district will vote to paint No. 5 school house and raise money for the same.
8. To see if the district will vote to reshingle No. 3 school house and raise money for the same.
9. To see what action the district will take to provide a place or room for the storage of its books and supplies.
10. To see if the district will vote to enlarge school house lot No. 1, and raise money for the purchase of land for the same.

11. To see if the district will vote to provide one more room in No. 6 school house and raise money for the same.

12. By request: To see if the district will vote to dispense with the services of a superintendent.

13. To see if the district will vote to continue to pay the tuition of its pupils who shall attend Methuen High School.

14. To see if the district will vote to raise the sum of one hundred and forty (\$140) dollars to reinsure school houses Nos. 1 and 6.

To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

To choose agents, auditors and committees, in relation to any subjects embraced in this warrant.

Given under our hands, at said Salem, this 24th day of February, 1904.

GEORGE W. THOM,  
CLINTON L. SILVER,

School Board of Salem, N. H.

A true copy of Warrant, attest:

GEORGE W. THOM,  
CLINTON L. SILVER,

School Board of Salem, N. H.

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

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TO THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SALEM :

GENTLEMEN—My third annual report of the condition and progress of your schools for the year closing March 1, 1904, follows :

This report includes the annual school statistics and roll of perfect attendance for the natural school year beginning September, 1902, and closing July, 1903.

### ROLL OF HONOR.

For the Year Ending Aug. 1, 1903.

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#### Pupils Not Tardy or Absent by Terms.

FOR THE YEAR (8).

Charles B. McLaughlin,	Clarence Chase,
Dorothy Ewins,	Inda Hastings,
Helen Hawley,	Mildred Taylor
Susie B. McLaughlin,	Fred S. Powers.

FOR TWO TERMS (20).

Millard Austin,	Ethel King,
Forest Hyde,	Herman Gross,
Grace Bodwell,	William Taylor,
Elsie A. Silver,	Lillian Taylor,
Margie Richardson,	Viola Williams,
Warren Chase,	Louise E. Arlitt,
Bertha Hastings,	Mildred Kelley,
Herbert Hanson,	Bertha G. Kelley,
Charles Pattee,	Ruth N. Kelley,
Marion Hanson,	Mabel Kelley.

## FOR ONE TERM (62).

Richard Bodwell,	Marion Hanlon,
Ralph O'Bertie,	Warren Hunt,
Carrie Gibson,	Henry W. Bodwell,
Leslie Cole,	Marshall Woodbury,
Harry Cole,	Ruth Conner,
Ethel J. Ayer,	Eunice Kezer,
Hilda M. Williams,	Alice Williams,
Lester Hyde,	Marion Kezer,
Clarence Richardson,	Henry Boutin,
Emma W. Smith,	Harold Buxton,
Arthur H. Abbott,	Herbert Helberg,
Gladys Hastings,	Clarence Kezer,
Grace Felch,	John Taylor,
Lena Hastings,	Everett Cummings,
Edna Wilson,	Charles Cowan,
Llewellyn Goodhue,	Edward Hussell,
Moses Pattee,	Davis Blethen,
Harold Rolf,	Frank Paquin,
Myron Rolf,	Forest Reynolds,
Mildred King,	Ada Clark,
Arthur Whitney,	Carrie Conner,
Gertrude Pattee,	Sadie Cowan,
Levi Dustin,	Lena Hudson,
Henry Gross,	Edna Wells,
Herbert Rolf,	George Cummings,
George Harris,	Vena Graichen,
Oliver Harris,	John Hird,
Stillman Harris,	Esther Dietrich,
Rachel Kelley,	Edward J. Powers,
Clarence Cole,	Thomas Powers,
William McK. Cole,	Bell Grieg.



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**SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR YEAR ENDING****AUG. 1, 1903.**

Population of town at last census,	2000
Whole number of pupils, 1902,	284
"          "          1903,	311
(a) Boys, 1903,	165
(b) Girls, 1903,	146
Average membership, 1903,	250
Average daily attendance, 1902,	215
Average daily attendance, 1903,	220
Number of pupils not tardy or absent, 1902,	3
"          "          "          1903,	8
Number of cases of tardiness,	674
Greatest number in any school (No. 6 Primary),	63
Least number,	15
Number of weeks in school year, 1902,	33
Number of weeks in school year, 1903,	35
Number of different schools,	10
School buildings in use,	8
Different teachers employed,	16
Visits by School Board,	76
Visits by Superintendent,	218
Visits by others,	674

# DETAILED STATISTICS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 1, 1903.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	TERMS.	Weeks.	No. Pupils.	Boys.	Girls.	Average Attendance	Not Tardy or Absent.	No in Reading, Spelling, Writing and Arith.	No. in Grammar and Geography.	No. in U. S. History and Physical Geography.	General Lessons and Drawing.	Music.	Visits by School Board.	Visits by Superintendent.	Visits by others.	Salaries.
No. 1 Primary	C. Winifred Winslow	Fall	12	26	14	12	22	4	25	11	11	25	25	0	11	9	\$36
	"	Winter	10	25	14	11	20	2	25	11	11	25	25	0	9	31	36
	Maud H. Wheeler	Spring	14	31	16	15	25	1	31	9	9	31	31	2	10	47	36
No. 1 Grammar	C. A. M. Maeder	Fall	12	32	18	14	30	12	32	32	32	32	32	0	8	4	40
	"	Winter	10	30	17	13	26	10	30	30	30	30	30	0	7	14	40
	"	Spring	14	34	20	14	32	7	34	34	34	34	34	1	9	23	40
No. 3	Rose Sutherland	Fall	11	20	11	9	19	3	20	5	5	20	20	10	5	1	32
	"	Winter	10	19	11	8	16	5	19	5	5	19	19	8	3	7	32
	"	Spring	14	19	11	8	16	6	19	5	5	19	19	10	7	8	32
No. 4	Robert W. Rice	Fall	11	40	20	20	36	10	40	31	31	31	40	4	4	20	40
	Wilfred A. Barlow	Winter	10	39	20	19	33	7	39	28	28	28	39	5	5	28	36
	"	Spring	14	38	18	20	32	11	38	26	26	26	38	5	12	64	40
No. 5	Mary Nichols	Fall	11	17	11	6	11	3	17	5	5	17	17	2	6	15	30
	"	Winter	10	11	8	3	9	0	11	6	6	11	11	2	5	8	30
	Edith N. Coates	Spring	14	9	7	2	6	1	9	6	6	9	9	2	11	0	28

No. 6 Primary	Una R. Rowell " " " " " " Inez Gall, Assistant	Fall Winter Spring	11 10 14	49 51 57	29 29 30	20 22 27	42 38 43	10 1 3	49 51 57	25 28 29	49 51 57	49 51 57	1 1 4	9 11 16	24 44 73	40 40 40 12
No. 6 Grammar	Ruby S. Smith Ruby S. Smith } Miss Grover Grace E. Toothaker	Fall Winter Spring	11 10 14	31 31 31	17 17 17	14 14 14	28 26 25	8 0 1	31 31 31	31 31 31	31 31 31	31 31 31	0 0 1	8 5 12	8 37 54	40 40 40
No. 8	Mary R. Webster " " " " " "	Fall Winter Spring	11 10 14	14 13 12	7 7 5	7 6 6	10 10 9	4 2 1	14 13 12	5 5 4	14 13 12	14 13 12	2 2 2	6 4 7	15 23 20	28 28 32
No. 9	Bessie M. Richardson " " " " " "	Fall Winter Spring	11 10 14	17 18 18	8 8 8	9 10 10	13 13 14	2 2 3	17 18 18	13 13 11	17 18 18	17 18 18	2 2 2	6 3 7	5 11 21	30 30 32
No. 10	M. Ellinor Forsyth " " " " " "	Fall Winter Spring	12 10 12	27 19 20	13 11 12	14 8 8	22 16 18	5 1 3	23 19 20	17 15 15	23 19 18	23 19 18	2 2 2	5 2 5	26 19 20	32 32 32
	Edgar E. Hulse, Supt.	TOTALS,	35	311	165	146	220	8	311	174	311	311	76	218	679	35.21

## COMPARATIVE TABLE OF STATISTICS.

	1901.	1902.	1903.
No. of pupils in State,	77,039	78,793	
“ “ Rockingham County,	9,016	9,077	
“ “ Salem,	293	290	311
“ “ Epping,	286	250	260
“ “ Hudson,	217	213	241
No. teachers in State,	2,549	2,228	
“ “ Rockingham County,	264	270	
“ “ Salem,	10	10	10
“ “ Epping,	9	9	9
“ “ Hudson,	7	6	7
Average number of weeks, State,	28.12	28.01	
“ “ “ Rock. Co.,	31.40	30.13	
“ “ “ Salem,	34.10	33.40	34.90
“ “ “ Epping,	27.7	33.22	32.
“ “ “ Hudson,	28.	29.	32.7
Ave. per cent. of attendance, State,	88.	92.	
“ “ “ Rock. Co.,	87.	85.	
“ “ “ Salem,	89.	87.	90.
“ “ “ Epping,	85.	86.	
“ “ “ Hudson,	98.	86.	87.
Ave. wages per month, State,	\$38.30	43.38	
“ “ “ Rock. Co.,	31.88	39.67	
“ “ “ Salem,	34.40	31.90	35.20
“ “ “ Epping,	29.	32.	31.
“ “ “ Hudson,	21.70	32.87	32.57

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	1901.	1902.	1903.
Ave. total expend. per pupil, State,	\$19.62	19.67	
“ “ “ “ Rock. Co.,	18.41	18.67	
“ “ “ “ Salem,	18.94	22.55	18.11
“ “ “ “ Epping,	15.38	15.49	
“ “ “ “ Hudson,	23.78	18.37	17.66

Ave. cost of books and supplies per

pupil, State,	\$ 1.33	1.38	
Ave. cost of books and supplies per			
pupil, Rockingham County,	1.27	1.41	
Ave. cost of books and supplies per			
pupil, Salem,	1.28	1.24	1.31
Ave. cost of books and supplies per			
pupil, Epping,	1.19	.65	.95
Ave. cost of books and supplies per			
pupil, Hudson,	.50	1.59	1.24

Average rate of taxation per \$1000 for all purposes for five years  
preceeding 1902 :

1st in list, Dorchester (highest),	\$29.10
234th in list, Hart's Location (lowest),	4.86
45th in list, Salem,	20.76
78th in list, Epping,	19.18
169th in list, Hudson,	15.16

Average rate as above for schools only :

1st in list, Woodsville (highest),	\$13.04
251st in list, Dublin (lowest),	1.85
63rd in list, Salem,	4.82
102nd in list, Epping,	4.17
80th in list, Hudson,	4.51

It is my purpose in this report to explain briefly the workings of your schools and make a few suggestions for their future management.

While the work in the schools in general has been equal or superior to that of previous years, so far as I am able to judge the progress has been materially disturbed in one or two schools through repeated changes in teachers and a possible failure to grasp the situation readily and get to business at once.

The Depot grammar school has suffered most from the changes in teachers. Faithful effort has been put forth in each instance, but without entirely satisfactory results.

The winter term just closing has been a prosperous one, especially in point of management, and a good spirit prevails throughout the town.

Excellent reports are received from ten of our students attending Methuen High school, also from the four at Tilton Seminary.

No new *schemes* have been tried or *fads* pushed to the front, but there has been an earnest desire and effort made on the part of each teacher to use the child and its individuality as the basis of their work, and to employ the very best methods in bringing the child and the *subject* to be taught together.

Much illustrative work has been introduced and the work is taking on a practical phase which is drawing out and training the faculties as never before.

The work in language and history is full of interest and the quality of the reading is much improved.

The new arithmetics have been a source of inspiration to this branch in the school work, and I believe the pupils are getting hold of the subject more scientifically than ever before.

A complete change has been made throughout the town in the arithmetics. The new books treat the subject on the "*spiral*

*plan*," so called. By this plan the child is introduced, very early, to a large number of the principles of arithmetic which are in constant use in every-day life, at first objectively and relatively in a very simple way.

After proceeding for eight or nine pages with new and fresh work, a review of one or two pages is given. Then eight or nine pages of advance work is made, going over the same principles with new and fresh examples and problems, a little harder each time, than those preceding, and introducing new relations as the children become prepared for them. This plan is continued through the series of three books.

The child is introduced the first year of his study of text book arithmetic, not only to the processes of combining and separating, but he becomes familiar with simple fractions, decimals, money, measures, ratios, per cents., etc.

He is constantly studying the relation of numbers in a natural way, which is the scientific way of treating them.

A set of "Child life" readers up to and including the fourth grade, also several books on special subjects and for reference have been added to the list of supplementary matter during the year.

The next move toward revising and improving your list of text books should be in language and history.

The conditions of your school buildings is much as last year, generally good.

I must remind you again, and as emphatically as possible, of the situation in the Depot school building.

The number attending this school has increased during the year, and will probably continue to increase for some time. Ninety to a hundred pupils in two rooms, trying to carry on a



nine-year course of study, cannot be satisfactorily instructed by two teachers. The problem has been partially solved by furnishing an assistant who has taken the recitation work of two entire grades; but another room is much needed so that the school can be separated into three divisions and placed in charge of three regular teachers.

This arrangement would meet present needs and offer a good three-room graded school.

We hope you will give this matter your serious and immediate attention.

The additional cost of maintaining the extra school after the room is provided would be small compared to the extra benefits to be derived.

During the fall term several new children moved into the part of the town known as No. 7 district.

This increased the number of children in that section to 13. It being difficult to secure suitable conveyance to the village school, and the crowded condition of the village school made it seem wise to reopen No. 7 building at the beginning of the winter term.

Miss Helen A. Pratt of Danvers, Mass., was put in charge of the school and is giving good satisfaction.

At the close of the spring term Mr. C. L. Silver, who had been instructor of music in the schools for several years, resigned, thus making a vacancy in this department. Miss Isabelle M. Farlee of Nashua was duly elected to fill the vacancy and entered upon her duties at the opening of the fall term. She had given but one lesson, when she was taken sick and soon died, much to our sorrow and disappointment. We next secured Prof. Wm. E. Hartwell of Haverhill to fill the place. Prof. Hartwell seems to

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be the right man for the place, and is being received well by teachers and pupils.

I believe good work is being done in this department, and it should be continued. You are referred to Prof. Hartwell's report, which follows this report.

Our Salem Teachers' Club has held its regular meetings, up to this winter term, with a good degree of interest and profit. The teachers have generally attended summer schools, teachers' meetings and institutes, as usual.

The time *honored* custom of declaring a general "visiting" day for all teachers, to go where they pleased and get what they pleased, was cancelled at the beginning of the year, and teachers have been allowed to visit such schools and at such times as seemed to be best for the interests of their schools.

I wish again to express my grateful appreciation to all who have in any way co-operated with me in the management of the schools of Salem during the past year.

Respectfully Submitted,

EDGAR E. HULSE,

Superintendent of Schools.

SALEM DEPOT, N. H., Feb. 16, 1904

HAYERHILL, Mass., Feb. 15, 1904.

*Mr. Edgar E. Hulse, Superintendent of Schools :*

DEAR SIR: Permit me say just a word in regard to the music of the Salem schools.

Owing to the sickness and subsequent death of the teacher of music at the beginning of the school year, very little was done in that line for about two months in most of the districts. Of course the interest of the children in singing was correspondingly lacking when I began my labors with them in November. I am pleased to state that from the beginning I have had the hearty support and attention of teachers and pupils, and have enjoyed my work with them.

Having spent quite a good many years in the teaching and practical use of the voice, it has been my aim to give to the children those points in particular which have been found most lacking in singers who have come under my observation.

I am told that the singing period is eagerly looked forward to by the pupils, and the short time spent in this way cannot fail to better fit them for other work, as well as give them a good knowledge of singing and raise the standard of music in the community.

Yours truly,

W. E. HARTWELL,

Teacher of Music.

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**SCHOOL TREASURER.**
**Dr.**

To cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1903,		\$ 84 61
Received from Town, school tax,	\$1,578 20	
By vote for schools,	2,500 00	
fencing,	50 00	
Literary fund,	184 08	
Proportion of school fund,	623 33	
Dog licenses,	\$377 24	
Less damage and cost,	33 15	
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Interest, District No. 2 Note,	14 68	
"        "    No. 10 Note,	12 91	
D. W. Felch, Interest, District No.		
3 Note,	9 31	
E. E. Babb & Co., books returned,	14 99	
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		\$5,416 20

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By paid orders of School,	\$5,418 62
Total amount received,	5,416 20
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Overpaid,	\$ 2 42

JAMES EWINS,

Town School Treasurer.

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I, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them properly vouched for.

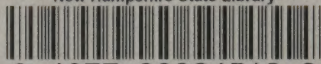
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